

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services



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SERVICE POPULATION	RANGE OF DPSS BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR DCFS CLIENTS	
FAMILY MAINTENANCE/FAMILY PRESERVATION Parent(s) with a child(ren)	 CalWORKs CalFresh Medi-Cal GAIN Homeless Assistance 	
FAMILY REUNIFICATION Parent(s) without a child(ren) (Children have been removed)	 GAIN (if parent on CalWORKs at the time the child was removed) CalFresh Medi-Cal (effective 1/1/2014) General Relief (if eligible)/GROW 	
	Non-Needy Caretaker Relatives (Not aided)	Needy Caretaker Relatives (Aided)
RELATIVE CAREGIVERS	 CalWORKs – child only grant Medi-Cal (if eligible) CalFresh 	 CalWORKs CalFresh Medi-Cal GAIN Child Care Services
	Parent	Non-Parent
EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH (Exited from Foster Care)	CalWORKsCal-LearnGAINMedi-CalCalFresh	 General Relief GROW Medi-Cal (automatic up to 26 years old) CalFresh

DEFINITIONS OF SERVICES	DEFINITION	
CalWORKs	The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program provides financial assistance to eligible needy families with (or expecting) children to help pay for housing, food, utilities, clothing, medical care, and other necessary expenses.	
CalFresh	CalFresh was established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households.	
Medi-Cal	This program provides free or low-cost health care coverage to low-income families and individuals.	
Greater Avenues For Independence/ Welfare-To Work Services	Provides employment-related services to CalWORKs recipients to help them find employment, stay employed, and move on to higher paying jobs, which will ultimately lead them to self-sufficiency and independence. WTW activities include subsidized and unsubsidized employment, job search, assessment, education, vocational training, community service, substance use disorder treatment, mental health services and domestic violence services. Childcare, transportation and work related expenses are provided.	
Homeless Assistance	DPSS Housing Program offers a number of benefits and services designed to assist CalWORKs families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to move out of the current housing crisis into affordable permanent housing.	
General Relief	General Relief is a County-funded program that provides financial assistance to indigent adults who are ineligible for Federal or State programs.	
General Relief Opportunity Work (GROW)	The General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) program offers employment and training services and is designed to help GR participants obtain jobs and achieve self-sufficiency. Substance abuse treatment is also available. Specialized Job Skills/Job Readiness program for Transition Aged Youth is targeted for January 2014.	